

Create an Enhanced Driver License and Personal Identification for compliance with the federal Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)

SB 964 (Sen. Jud Gilbert) and HB 5535 (Rep. Steve Tobocman):

SB 964 and HB 5535 allows for the creation of a new “enhanced” driver license and “enhanced” personal ID card to comply with the federal Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. WHTI places restrictions on the types of documents acceptable for travel to Canada or Mexico by land or sea. These enhanced driver licenses and personal ID cards would be optional. Michigan would still retain its existing driver license and personal ID cards for those who have no need for going Canada or Mexico or those who have a U.S. passport. These enhanced cards can only be obtained by those that are eligible for a federal passport – U.S. citizens.

SB 965 (Sen. John Pappageorge) and HB 5536 (Rep. Ed Clemente):

SB 965 and HB 5536 provide the sentencing guidelines for the felony provision created in SB 964 and HB 5535 for a false certification at application for the new WHTI compliant driver license or personal ID card. This felony provision is similar to existing felonies in the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and the Personal ID Act for a false certification to the Department.

SB 966 (Sen. Cameron Brown) and HB 5537 (Rep. Bill Huizenga):

SB 966 and HB 5537 more clearly provide investigation authority for applications for a personal ID card. This authority is modeled directly after the authority for investigation under the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code (MCL 257.209). Additionally, the bill specifies how the Secretary of State handles highly confidential personal information that is provided at application for the card.

Updates Michigan’s Driver License and Personal ID cards to comply with the federal REAL ID Act

SB 962 (Sen. Alan Sanborn) and HB 5518 (Rep. Phillip Pavlov):

SB 962 and HB 5518 amend the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code to bring Michigan driver licenses in compliance with the REAL ID Act. This includes among other things the requirement for legal presence for the applicant and, for a non-U.S. citizen, the expiration of a visa tied to expiration of the driver license. The Department will be required to verify the information received at application with the appropriate agency, whether at the federal or state level. It clarifies the Department’s ability to investigate information that is presented at application. Additionally, the source documents presented at application will be scanned and stored by the Department. The disclosure of these documents will be extremely restricted. Further, security features are to be added to driver license to prevent fraud and tampering.

SB 963 (Sen. Tony Stamas) and HB 5535 (Rep. Mike Nofs):

SB 963 and HB 5519 amend the State Personal Identification Card Act to bring Michigan personal ID cards in compliance with the REAL ID Act. This includes among other things the requirement for legal presence for the applicant and, for a non-U.S. citizen, the

expiration of a visa tied to expiration of the personal ID card. The Department will require verification of the information received at application with the appropriate agency, whether at the federal or state level. It clarifies the Department ability to investigate information that is presented at application (this new language is currently found in the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code – MCL 257.209). Additionally, the source documents presented at application will be scanned and stored by the Department. The disclosure of these documents will be extremely restricted. Further, security features are to be added to ID card to prevent fraud and tampering.